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## Dear Colleague:

The Ninth Annual Investigators' Workshop in Space Radiation Research will be held on May 17-21, 1998, at the Mission Inn, in Riverside, California. The location is close to the Loma Linda University Medical Center, who have agreed to be this year's hosts. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an opportunity for researchers active in the NASA Space Radiation Health Program to meet and share the results of their work, and to explore new directions of research that may benefit the NASA program.

Participation in the Annual Workshop is by invitation only. The workshop is intended mainly for investigators currently supported by the NASA Space Radiation Health Program, who are required to participate. Other scientists with a legitimate interest in space radiation research are also welcome. Participants are expected to have their own travel support. Limited support is available for up to 5 students or first-year post-doctoral fellows currently participating in NASA-supported research groups.

Invited participants can submit one abstract (no more than one page single spaced with copies of 1 to 3 pages of supporting material). The deadline for abstracts is April 1, 1998, so that they can be incorporated into a volume for distribution at the meeting. Abstracts received after this date may be accepted for presentation at the discretion of the program committee. The first author of each selected abstract will be expected to present the material. Each accepted contribution will be scheduled for a 15-minute presentation, to be followed by a 5-minute discussion period.

This is the ninth meeting in a series that has been very fruitful. The present meeting is a continuing forum for our discussions and a means of reviewing our progress. It should be a very informative and exciting meeting, and I very much hope that you will be able to attend.

Please respond by completing the attached registration form and returning it at your earliest convenience to Universities Space Research Association (USRA), Division of Space Life Sciences (DSLS), 3600 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77058, Attn: Gail Pacetti. We look forward to meeting you in Riverside.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Nelson